



VETERANS GROUP AT SHELL POINT
MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER
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Our 8 Federal Uniformed Services

ALL VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES AT SHELL POINT

HIGHLIGHT: MEMORIAL DAY – MONDAY, 30 MAY 2022. SHELL POINT PROGRAM ON TELEVISION

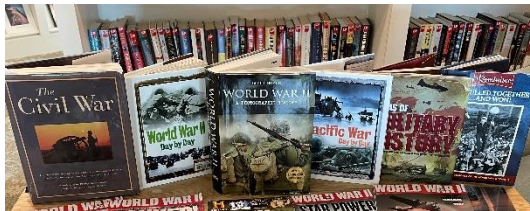
VIDEO SELECTION – V-E Day (Victory in Europe) May 8 – 77th Anniversary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1NbreJkLwtw&t=18s>

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NOTES:

1. **MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM – SHELL POINT WILL AGAIN PRODUCE A TELEVISED PROGRAM TO BE AIRED ON MONDAY 30 MAY AND TUESDAY 31 MAY – 10 AM, 2 PM AND 9 PM.**
2. **JOINT AVIATION/VETERANS GROUP MEETING – 19 MAY AT 1 PM AT THE TRIBBY. THE TOPIC WILL BE “THE USS HOUSTON CA-30 AND ITS POW SURVIVORS IN WWII” - THEIR ORDEAL ON THE “DEATH RAILWAY” WAS MADE WORLD-FAMOUS BY THE MOVIE *THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI*. DANA CHARLES, THE SON OF ONE OF U.S.S. *HOUSTON*’S MARINE SURVIVORS WILL PRESENT THE STORY OF U.S.S. *HOUSTON* (CA-30) AND HER SURVIVORS VIA ZOOM. JO KLENK’S DAD WAS A SURVIVOR.**
3. **“THE LOST SQUADRON & GLACIER GIRL” –A FLIGHT OF 6 P-38 FIGHTERS AND 2 B-17 BOMBERS FLYING TO THE WAR ZONE RAN OUT OF FUEL AND CRASH LANDED ON THE GREENLAND GLACIER. IN 1992, AFTER 50 YEARS OF SNOW BUILD UP A TEAM OF EXPLORERS MELTED 268 FEET INTO THE GLACIER AND RECOVERED A P-38 AND DUBBED HER *GLACIER GIRL*. ON 30 MAY AT 10 AM AT CONNIE BROWN HALL, BOB CARDIN, HARBOR COURT VETERAN, WILL PRESENT A ONE HOUR ACCOUNT OF HIS PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT WITH THE RECOVERY, RESTORATION AND FLYING OF THIS VERY HISTORIC AIRPLANE.**



LOU FREYRE, WW II/KOREA VETERAN, DONATED THESE IMPORTANT BOOKS TO THE SPRINGS LIBRARY. BOOKS ARE AVAIABLE TO ALL. THANKS AND COMMENDATIONS LOU!

5. NOTES FROM APRIL MEETING PRESENTATIONS:

- **LEE COUNTY JR ROTC PROGRAM – THE LARGEST IN THE US. STEVE EPKINS (US ARMY RET) ENCOURAGES ALL SHELL POINT RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT ALL PROGRAMS. PLEASE CONTACT STEVE:**
 - Steve Epkins (sepkins123@comcast.net) OR 239-810-0488.
- **LEE COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES - HUMAN AND VETERAN’S SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGER, RODNEY VAN NESS, Rodney Van Ness (RVanNess@leegov.com) OR 239-533-7977**
 - **PLEASE CALL RODNEY FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR ANY INTEREST YOU HAVE: LEE COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES TEAM IS COMMITTED TO ASSIST VETERANS, SURVIVING SPOUSES & DEPENDENTS WITH BENEFITS SUCH AS DISABILITY COMPENSATION, NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED PENSIONS WITH OR WITHOUT AID & ATTENDANCE BENEFITS FOR BOTH VETERANS & SURVIVING SPOUSE, APPEALS, BURIAL BENEFITS, EDUCATION BENEFITS, HEALTH BENEFITS AS WELL AS A VARIETY OF OTHER BENEFITS.**

6. **V-E DAY: Victory in Europe Day** is the day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on Tuesday, 8 May 1945, marking the end of World War II in Europe. Several countries observe public holidays on the day each year, also called Victory Over Fascism Day, Liberation Day or Victory Day. In the UK it is often abbreviated to **VE Day**, or **V-E Day** in the US, a term which existed as early as September 1944,^[1] in anticipation of victory. Upon the defeat of Germany, celebrations erupted throughout the western world, especially in the UK and North America. More than one million people celebrated in the streets throughout the UK to mark the end of the European part of the war. In London, crowds massed in Trafalgar Square and up the Mall to Buckingham Palace. Prime Minister Winston Churchill, addressed the large crowd: "God bless you all. This is your victory. In our long history, we have never seen a greater day than this. Everyone, man or woman, has done their best."
- Tempering the jubilation somewhat, both Churchill and Truman pointed out that the war against Japan had not yet been won. In his radio broadcast at 15:00 on 8 May, Churchill told the British people that: "We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing (as Japan) remains unsubdued". In America, Truman broadcast at 09:00 and said it was "a victory only half won".
7. **IMPORTANT: ANY VIETNAM VETERAN WHO DID NOT RECEIVE THEIR PIN/CITATION – PLEASE CONTACT JIM STAPLETON. I HAVE ONLY HEARD FROM ONE VETERAN AND I KNOW THERE WERE SEVERAL WHO DID NOT RECEIVE A PIN AT OUR 29 MARCH PROGRAM AND I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THEIR NAMES. THANK YOU.**

May	
Month of the Military Caregiver	Month of May
National Military Appreciation Month	Month of May
Silver Star Day to recognize those awarded The Silver Star Medal	May 1
National Day of Prayer	May 5
National Nurses Week	May 6 (begins), May 12 (ends), 2022
Victory in Europe 77th anniversary (aka VE Day 77) of V-E Day	May 8
Military Spouse Appreciation Day	May 6 Friday before Mother's Day
Mother's Day	May 8 - Second Sunday in May
Children of Fallen Patriots Day	May 13
Armed Forces Day – Mission BBQ – free Sandwich for Vets & live Nat'l Anthem	May 21 - Third Saturday in May
Memorial Day – Shell Point Program Televised 10 AM/2&9 PM on Mon & Tues	May 30 - Last Monday in May

[\(https://militarybenefits.info/military-calendar-holidays-events-observances/\)](https://militarybenefits.info/military-calendar-holidays-events-observances/)

WARTIME PERIODS

WWII 12-07-41 to 12-31-46* - 5 years
Korea 06-27-50 to 01-31-53 – 3 years
Vietnam 11-01-55 to 05-15-75 – 20 years
Gulf 08-02-90 to Present – 22 years
Cold War 1946 to 1991 – 45 years

*** Special recognition for our 50 WW II Veterans!**

A veteran - whether active duty, retired, or national guard or reserve - is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including THEIR LIFE



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